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Remarks

Minor Formality in Examiner's Amendment to the Specification

In paragraph 2, page 3, of the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner's Amendment suggests amending the specification at page 1, on line 2 to add ", now Patent No. 6,649,018" after "2002." The amendment to include the patent number fails to mention that it is a United States Patent.

Accordingly, applicants suggest that the phrase ", now United States Patent No. 6,649,018" be added after "2002" instead of the suggested language by the Examiner.

Amendment to the Abstract

In paragraph 2, page 3, of the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner's Amendment suggests amending the Abstract to read "A process and system for removing photoresist from semiconductor wafers comprises applying pressure in excess of one atmosphere to ozone, mixing the ozone with ambient temperature or higher deionized water via sparger plate, and exposing the semiconductor wafers to the mixture of ozone and deionized water. The system is comprised of a tank capable of holding the semiconductor wafers, a sparger plate within the tank, a source of ozone connected to the tank, a source of deionized water connected to the tank, and finally a means for recirculating the deionized water connected to the tank. No chiller is included in the system as is required by the prior art."

The present Abstract is unacceptable to Applicants because it is replete with the recitation of limitations that are not necessary to carry out the present invention and/or that describe the invention in such a manner that unduly limits the Applicant's invention. While Applicants are aware that the scope of an invention is measured by the claims, Applicants are also aware of recent case law by the Federal Circuit that has used the Abstract to limit the scope of an invention. Thus, reciting limitations that were neither necessary to distinguish the prior art, nor


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included in the broad claim language of the independent claims, may serve to unfairly limit the scope of the invention in the future.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Abstract be amended to read as suggested above by Applicants.

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